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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA

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EYES ONLY FOR ASST. SECRETARY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR

1. PRESIDENT ODUBER WARMLY WELCOMES SECRETARY'S PORPOSED TRIP AND ASSURED ME THAT COSTA RICA WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ENSURE ITS SUCCESS.
2. PRESIDENT AGREES TO FEBRUARY 2 ANNOUNCEMENT DATE AND TO KEEPING INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRIP COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL THAT TIME. HE IS PARTICULARLY PLEASED FOR SECURITY REASONS THAT ANNOUNCEMENT WILL NOT INCLUDE SPECIFIC DATES OF VISIT TO EACH LOCALITY.
3. ODUBER WILL PROCEED TO INVITE PRESIDENTS OF CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND IS CERTAIN THEY WILL ALL ACCEPT. HE SUGGESTED THAT GENERAL TORRIJOS OF PANAMA ALSO BE INVITED SINCE THIS WOULD HELP TO MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN TORRIJOS' TIES WITH THIS GROUP OF COUNTRIES. HE NOTED THAT POLICY BEING FOLLOWED BY HIM IN COMBINATION WITH PRESIDENTS OF VENEZUELA AND COLOMBIA IS TO KEEP TORRIJOS FROM LOOKING TOO CLOSELY AT SO-CALLED NON-ALIGNED WORLD.
4. BELIEVE THAT COMMUNIQUE FROM SAN JOSE MEETING WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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MORE APPROPRIATELY ONE CONCERNING MEETING WITH ALL CENTRAL

AMERICAN CHIEFS OF STATE. WHILE SOME COMMUNIQUE WOULD BE APPRECIATED, DO NOT BELIEVE CENTRAL AMERICANS WILL PRESS FOR ONE OR BE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED IF THERE WERE NOT ONE.

5. DURING HIS VISIT, SECRETARY MIGHT HAVE SMALL PRIVATE DINNER ON EVENING OF ARRIVAL. PRESIDENT SUGGESTS FOR THIS PURPOSE PROBABLY LIMITING PRINCIPALS ON COSTA RICAN SIDE TO VICE PRESIDENT CASTILLO, FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO AND HIMSELF (ALL ENGLISH SPEAKING). HE OFFERED OPTION DINNER BEING HELD EITHER AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, FOR WHICH HE INDICATED A PREFERENCE, OR AT HIS OWN RESIDENCE OR DINING ROOM AT PRESIDENTIAL PALACE. FOR FOLLOWING DAY PRESIDENT SUGGESTS POSSIBILITIES OF LUNCHEON EITHER AT HIS FARM, THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, THE CARIARI HOTEL NEAR AIRPORT, OR AT PRIVATE HOME IN VICINITY OF AIRPORT. I EXPRESSED DOUBT WHETHER LUNCHEON AT MY RESIDENCE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, SINCE HE IS HOSTING THE LUNCHEON FOR CENTRAL AMERICAN PRESIDENTS. HE HAS SOME CONCERNS ABOUT SECURITY SITUATION AT CARIARI AND SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THIS CHECKED OUT BY U.S. SECURITY PERSONNEL BEFORE OPTING FOR THAT. HE INDICATED INTENTION CHECK VARIOUS PRIVATE RESIDENCES NEAR AIRPORT TO SEE WHETHER HE COULD TAKE OVER ONE OF THEM FOR THE LUNCHEON. HE POINTED OUT THERE IS EXCELLENT AIRSTRIP IN GUANACASTE NEAR HIS FARM WHICH CAN BE REACHED BY HELICOPTER AND HE HAS ALREADY HOSTED MEETING OF CENTRAL AMERICAN PRESIDENTS THERE; THEREFORE THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED NOW WITHOUT ANY DIFFICULTIES. IN ANY EVENT, HE AGREEABLE TO ANY OPTION WHICH FITS IN WITH SECRETARY'S REQUIREMENTS. HE STRESSED, INCIDENTALLY, THAT CONCERN OVER SECURITY DOES NOT INVOLVE SECRETARY KISSINGER BUT RATHER PRESIDENT SOMOZA.

6. PROGRAM FOR MONDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 23 WILL DEPEND ON WHERE LUNCHEON IS HELD.

7. WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL COULD BE SCHEDULED FOR SOMETIME EARLIER THAN 8:30 P.M., ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING TIME FOR TRAVEL FROM AIRPORT TO WHEREVER DINNER WILL BE HELD. ALSO SLIGHTLY LATER DEPARTURE ON FEBRUARY 23 WILL FACILITATE GIVING SECRETARY A BETTER AND LESS-RUSHED FEEL OF SAN JOSE AND ITS ENVIRONS.

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IM PRESIDENT WOULD BE VERY HAPPY TO SEE ASST. SECRETARY ROGERS EITHER ON FEBRUARY 1 OR 2 AS BEST SUITS ROGERS' SCHEDULE. IF VISIT IS MADE ANYTIME SUNDAY OR MONDAY MORNING, THEN PRESIDENT WOULD RECEIVE ASST. SECRETARY AT HIS FARM IN GUANACASTE. IF VISIT FOR MONDAY AFTERNOON, THEN MEETING WOULD BE HELD IN SAN JOSE.

9. PLEASE ADVISE URGENTLY ON REACTION TO ODUBER'S SUGGESTION

ABOUT INVITINGUCRESIDENT TORRIJOS.

10. REQUEST DEPARTMENT PASS THIS MESSAGE TO ALL ADDRESSEES
AS IN REFTTEL, AND FURTHER REQUEST THAT PANAMA BE ADDED
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